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Serial No.: 10/092,537 :  
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BONE ASSEMBLY WITH :  
ALLOGRAFT BONE BLOCK :  
AND METHOD FOR INSERTING :  
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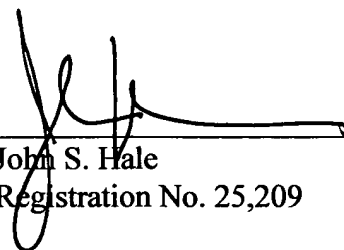
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